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SUBJ: WILLEM OLTMANS

SUMMARY: DEPARTMENT SENT EMBASSY FOR ACTION LETTER AND TELEGRAM  
ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM DUTCH JOURNALIST WILLEM OLTMANS.  
TEXT BOTH MESSAGES FOLLOW. EMBASSY UNABLE ANSWER OLTMANS.  
REQUEST DEPARTMENT TAKE ACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. DEPARTMENT HAS SENT TO EMBASSY WITH REGULAR BATCH LETTERS  
TO WHITE HOUSE REGISTERED LETTER AND TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT  
CARTER FROM WILLEM OLTMANS, DUTCH FREE-LANCE JOURNALIST  
WHO HAS WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AND TESTIFIED  
BEFORE HOUSE ASSASSINATION COMMITTEE IN APRIL.

2. TEXT LETTER TO PRESIDENT FOLLOWS: (LETTER WAS UNDATED BUT WAS  
RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON JUNE 17, 1977):

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, AS A DUTCH JOURNALIST, WORKING CLOSELY WITH  
DUTCH NATIONAL TELEVISION (NOS), I DISCOVERED OVER A PERIOD  
OF TEN YEARS, THAT GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT OF DALLAS, TEXAS,  
AND A CLOSE FRIEND OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS INTIMATELY LINKED TO  
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THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. I INFORMED, I  
THOUGHT, ALONG PROPER CHANNELS, THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ASSASSIN-  
ATIONS ON THREE OCCASIONS OF MY FINDINGS. DE MOHRENSCHILDT DIED  
BEFORE HE COULD BE CALLED TO WASHINGTON TO TESTIFY AND I HAVE  
NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT HE WAS KILLED. I AM NOW IN THE POSSESSION  
OF A NEW WITNESS, WHO IS ALIVE AND IN HIDING, AND WHO IS PREPARED  
TO TESTIFY TO HIS KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHOM ORDERED THE ASSASSINATION

OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON IN THE UNITED STATES  
I AM PREPARED TO INFORM ABOUT THIS NEW INFORMATION, BECAUSE IT WOULD  
BE IRRESPONSIBLE TO RUN THE RISK THAT MY WITNESS WILL BE KILLED  
AGAIN. I WILL BE ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. JUNE 19 ON PANAM  
FROM LONDON AND RESERVED A ROOM IN THE HILTON HOTEL ON 16TH  
AND K STREETS. I WILL BE AT YOUR DISPOSAL. SINCERELY, WILLEM  
L. OLTMANS. ADDRESS: AMERBOS 205, AMSTERDAM 1121, THE NETHERLANDS  
TELEPHONE: 020-271962  
TELEX: NOS TELEVISION, HILVERSUM, HOLLAND, NO. 43562 END TEXT.

3. TEXT TELEGRAM FOLLOWS: AMSTERDAM 1144 JUNE 15, 1977, THE  
PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUSE. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO MY JUNE  
13TH NOTE CONCERNING KENNEDY ASSASSINATION TELEX 43437 NOS TELEVISION  
,  
HILVERSUM, THE NETHERLANDS PRIOR TO MY COMING TO WASHINGTON.  
WILLEM OLTMANS. END TEXT.

4. OLTMANS HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION  
AND HELD PRESS CONFERENCE WITH MARK LANE HERE. BOOK SENSATIONALIST,  
MAINLY CONCERNS HIS CONNECTION WITH GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT.  
POL. COUNSELOR AND INFO OFFICER HAVE SEPARATELY MET WITH OLTMANS  
IN PAST MONTHS DURING WHICH TIME HE MADE SIMILAR CLAIMS TO  
THOSE IN LETTER. OLTMANS IS SENSATIONALIST WITH CHECKERED CAREER,  
BUT IS WELL KNOWN IN NETHERLANDS. HE HAS CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP  
WITH NOS-TV ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT ON STAFF. CONSIDERED SELF-PROMOTER  
BUT HAS DONE SOME SOLID JOURNALISM IN PAST AND CONSEQUENTLY HAS  
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MIXED REPUTATION.

5. BECAUSE OF SUBJECT MATTER AND BECAUSE WAY IN WHICH OLTMANS  
HAS RAISED QUESTIONS OF PASSING HIS INFORMATION ONLY TO PRESIDENT,  
EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO ANSWER LETTER. OLTMANS WILL PROBABLY USE  
NEGATIVE REPLY TO HIS REQUEST FOR MEET WITH PRESIDENT AS FURTHER  
PROOF OF CONSPIRACY THEORY, AND MAY WRITE SO IN DUTCH PRESS.  
EMBASSY CAN DEAL WITH POSSIBLE PUBLIC AFFAIRS FALLOUT BECAUSE OF  
OLTMANS' REPUTATION, BUT BELIEVE DIRECT RESPONSE TO HIM MUST  
COME FROM WASHINGTON.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE ACTION TAKEN.  
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